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SUBJECT:MOVABLE PROPERTY TRANSFER GUIDELINES

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 205897; (B) PANAMA 4992; (C)
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1. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL A, VAKY AND COOPER HAVE PROVIDED
INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS TO PAN CANAL SECRETARY ON PROPOSED
GUIDELINES. LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES
LIKELIHOOD THAT REVISED GUIDELINES WILL BE APPROVED BY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITHOUT FUR-
THER CONSIDERATION BY OTHER BOARD MEMBERS OR INPUTS FROM
OTHER AGENCIES.

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2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DRAFT GUIDELINES
SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO INTERAGENCY REVIEW BEFORE FINAL
ADOPTION AND THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD NOT BE RAISED PRIOR TO
THAT POINT BY U.S. MEMBERS OF THE BINATIONAL WORKING GROUP
OR ITS SUBCOMMITTEES.

3. WE NOTE THAT REFTTEL B IDENTIFIES PLANS FOR THE TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS AND PROPERTY AMONG THE PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR TREATY IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING. FURTHER, REFTTEL C INDICATED THAT GOVERNOR

PARFITT RAISED THE ISSUE DURING THE PRC AUGUST 3 MEETING. THEREFORE, THE SENIOR U.S.G. REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ISTHMUS HAVE ALREADY AGREED, AT LEAST IMPLICITLY, THAT THE SUBJECT OF PROPERTY TRANSFERS IS APPROPRIATELY A MATTER FOR INTERAGENCY REVIEW.

4. IN PROVIDING YOUR VIEWS ON MOVABLE PROPERTY TRANSFERS PER REFTTEL A, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISIONS IN THIS MATTER, WE ASK THAT: (A) YOU COMMENT ON THE IDEA OF HAVING THE PRC REVIEW THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES AND SUBMIT ITS RESULTS TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROVAL; (B) YOU CONSIDER WHEN AND BY WHOM DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH GOP; AND (C) YOU GIVE US YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF GOP REACTION TO GUIDELINES. VANCE

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